

Law Enforcement (FINAL)

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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The Sheriff's Office is responsible to provide law enforcement services to the unincorporated areas of the County. Kern

County is located at the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley, and is the third largest County in California. Kern County is largely rural and undeveloped, featuring a varied topography with natural OHV attractions ranging from dry deserts to forested mountains with a total area over 8,000 square miles. About one-third of the County is situated on the flat floor of the San Joaquin Valley. The Temblor Mountain Range lies to the west of the Valley and occupies the County's western border. The Tehachapi Mountains lie to the southeast of the Valley with a wide belt of Sierra-Nevada foothills and ranges extending north to cover almost a third of the County's area. East of this mountain belt is the Mojave Desert which makes up the remaining third of the County. The County's total population is approximately 800,458 per the 2008 U.S. Census Bureau.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office response area covers a total land area of approximately 8,073 square miles (5,166,720 acres) which includes large OHV areas in both desert and mountainous terrain. Approved OHV riding areas offer many opportunities for OHV enthusiasts to use 4x4 vehicles, ATV's, motorcycles, and dune buggies. These areas include Rosamond/Mojave Desert area (1,434,240 acres), Taft/Maricopa area (544,000 acres), Dove Springs/Jawbone Canyon (153,000 acres/8.730 open area), El Paso Mountains (120,00 acres), Rand Mountains (60,000 acres), Mt. Pinos Ranger District (6.483 acres), Kern Valley/Keyville (804 square miles), and Frazier Park/South Kern area that includes portions of Ballinger Canyon, Apache Saddle, and Cherry Creek. Additionally, KCSO's response area includes the Tehachapi Mountains, an area which requires protection and enforcement of OHV regulations.

These OHV areas are within the primary response area of KCSO and have specific needs to achieve effective law enforcement functions. Many of these popular OHV areas are small communities that are greatly impacted by the influx of visitors during peak OHV seasons. Grant funds will provide needed resources better enabling the Sheriff's Office to safely and effectively provide law enforcement services to OHV enthusiasts, local residents, and provide for protection of sensitive wilderness areas and private property.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Sheriff's deputies are on patrol seven days a week throughout the project target area. KCSO will use requested funds to supplement our current patrol levels with an additional 172 shifts to be used throughout the project period for enhanced law enforcement presence, additional public contact and education and safety outreach programs on popular weekends. Grant funding will allow KCSO to continue to conduct up to nine multi-day OHV operations during popular OHV holidays and utilize the unified Command Post.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

The Kern County Sheriff's Office proposed project will help fund sworn personnel including, but not limited to, two Sergeants, two Senior Deputies, ten Deputy Sheriff's, and two helicopter pilots during any given deployment period. The Kern County Sheriff's Office will also utilize the Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit and volunteers such as Reserve Deputies and Search and Rescue members to supplement OHV deployments. The Kern County Sheriff's Office will also conduct up to nine multi-day OHV operations during popular OHV holidays where the Command Post will be used. The staffing levels will be based on the peak OHV seasons, location, and number of anticipated OHV riders.

In 2001 the Kern County Sheriff's Office Off-Road Vehicle Team was formed and is currently managed from the Ridgecrest/Inyokern Substation. The Off-Road Vehicle Team is a collateral assignment comprised of approximately 50 trained deputies drawn from various work locations within the Sheriff's Office. Members of the Off-Road Vehicle Team attend a sixteen (16) hour P.O.S.T. certified class to ensure members fully understand riding practices and techniques needed to safely operate an ATV. This course, taught by Off-Road Vehicle Team Deputy Sheriff's trained as ATV Safety Institute certified instructors, is also made available to any requesting law enforcement agency.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The areas which have been identified include wilderness areas throughout Kern County, such as Kiavah, Bright Star, Owens Peak, the Sequoia National Forest, and the Los Padres National Forest. Additional high priority areas of critical environmental concern (ACEC) include Jawbone-Butterbret, Rand Mountains Management Area and Fremont Valley Management Area, Desert Tortoise Natural Area, Tehachapi Mountains including the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, and the Piute Mountain Range. Additionally, privately owned land in the Tehachapi Mountains and the Tejon Ranch area have been identified a high priority because of public safety, cultural resources, ACEC, and sensitive environmental habitats. The varied habitats of the Mojave Desert and the national forests and wilderness allow for a wide diversity of sensitive plants and wildlife requiring management through enforcement and conservation.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

To enhance and sustain OHV recreation opportunities KCSO developed a multi-faceted approach including law enforcement presence, educational outreach, and cooperation among law enforcement agencies. A primary goal of the KCSO OHV program is to balance the opportunity to experience off road recreational areas while maintaining the integrity and conservation of protected lands. This goal can be accomplished through enforcement, education, and community involvement. The proposed project will continue to implement public education regarding safe and legal OHV use. News media, information pamphlets, maps, in-field contacts, and community outreach events will be used to enhance public OHV education and experience.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Kern County Sheriff's Office meets with Red Rock Canyon State Park Rangers, Ridgecrest Field Office BLM Rangers, and California City Police Officers each month to discuss issues related to OHV enforcement, trail maintenance, and rider education. KCSO meets regularly with the United States Forest Service (Sequoia National Forest) and attends quarterly "Stewards of the Sequoia" meetings. In addition to regular scheduled meetings, KCSO works in collaboration with BLM on enforcement operations throughout the season. During the past three years KCSO and the Ridgecrest BLM Field Office have conducted numerous checkpoint and wilderness operations as well as a D.U.I. checkpoint in Jawbone Canyon.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

Explain

n/a

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

KCSO is one of the few California P.O.S.T. certified training programs for law enforcement personnel ATV use. This instruction is given by Deputies trained and certified by the ATV Safety Institute. KCSO continues to instruct officers from agencies throughout California and Nevada at no charge. This instruction is designed to provide the agencies with the necessary training to safely and effectively perform OHV enforcement in their jurisdictions.

Currently several Deputies assigned to the KCSO Off-Road Vehicle Team have completed the P.O.S.T. Certified training for Dual-Purpose Motor Vehicle Officers. These Deputies are proficient in OHV law, preservation of natural resources, map reading, and OHV familiarity.

In addition to ATV training, instructors are also certified as Motorcycle Safety Foundation, Dirt Bike School coaches.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

The KCSO currently has an MOU with the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office to provide helicopter law enforcement services. KCSO works in collaboration with BLM by deploying ground enforcement units, utilizing 4X4 vehicles, dual-sport motorcycles, off-road motorcycles, and ATVs.

KCSO Deputies enforce all applicable State and federal laws and regulations through California Vehicle Code 38301(a) Violation of Special Regulations, and California Vehicle Code 38301.3 Unauthorized Entry into Wilderness Areas.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

KCSO received \$175,000 of OHV in-lieu tax funds for the 2009/2010 budget year. The in-lieu money was used to partially fund the Sheriff's Off Road Vehicle Team operations. During budget year 2009/2010, in-lieu funds of approximately \$60,000 will be used to purchase a 4X4 emergency equipped off-road pick-up truck, capable of towing a 20-foot enclosed trailer with equipment, to and from operation staging areas. This money will complement the OHV enforcement/education project for the 2009/2010 budget year.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

Not applicable.

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Kern County Sheriff's Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-25-L01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Sergeant	250.000	65.350	HRS	16,337.00	0.00	16,337.00
	Other-Senior Deputy	375.000	60.040	HRS	22,515.00	0.00	22,515.00
	Other-Deputy	1000.000	50.920	HRS	50,920.00	0.00	50,920.00
	Other-Reserve Deputy	400.000	29.930	HRS	0.00	11,972.00	11,972.00
	Other-Dispatch	120.000	43.430	HRS	0.00	5,212.00	5,212.00
	Other-Volunteer	225.000	21.990	HRS	0.00	4,948.00	4,948.00
	Total for Staff				89,772.00	22,132.00	111,904.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Safety Equipment Notes : Helmets, goggles, gloves, MX boots, vest carriers, tie down straps)	1.000	6000.000	EA	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
	Other-Water Notes : Three cases of water for each of the 21 days of scheduled OHV operations.	63.000	5.500	EA	347.00	0.00	347.00
	Other-Printer use, ink cartridges, suppl	1.000	500.000	EA	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Other-Fuel Notes : Fuel for project vehicles	1.000	4750.000	MISC	4,750.00	0.00	4,750.00

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	Total for Materials / Supplies				11,097.00	500.00	11,597.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-Equipment Rental Use Fee Notes : Use of 6- ATV/MC at \$37.50/day for 50 days. These vehicles are owned by the Sheriff's Office and will be used for each operation.	1.000	11250.000	EA	0.00	11,250.00	11,250.00
	Other-Helicopter Patrol Use Fee Notes : The Sheriff's patrol helicopter will be used as needed during operations.	32.000	390.000	HRS	12,480.00	0.00	12,480.00
	Other-Equipment Rental Use Fee Notes : Use of 2-(1) ton 4x4 trucks at \$60/day for 50 days owned by the Sheriff's Office will be used during each operation.	1.000	6000.000	EA	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Other-Equipment Rental Use Fee Notes : Use of 2-enclosed trailers at \$50/day for 50 days owned by the Sheriff's Office will be used to haul ATV/MCs and to command post operations.	1.000	5000.000	EA	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Other-Helicopter Search & Rescue/Hoist Notes : The Sheriff's larger capacity search and rescue helicopter with hoist capabilities will be used as needed for rescue incidents.	21.000	740.000	HRS	15,540.00	0.00	15,540.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Each OHV motorcycle and ATV will have at least one tune-up per year. A tune-up costs \$150 and we have a fleet of 15 OHV vehicles for a total yearly cost of \$2250. The OHV team needs approximately 15 ATV tire changes per year ; a tire cost is \$100 and labor is \$15, for a total yearly cost of \$1725. The OHV team needs approximately 9 motorcycle tire changes per year; a tire cost is approximately \$80 and labor is \$40, for a total yearly cost of \$1080.	1.000	5055.000	EA	2,527.00	2,528.00	5,055.00

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	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				30,547.00	24,778.00	55,325.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-OHV Motorcycle	2.000	9850.000	EA	19,700.00	0.00	19,700.00
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Quarterly Billing Notes : Hourly rate includes salary and benefits for one Fiscal Support Supervisor that will prepare quarterly financial reports.	24.000	41.290	HRS	0.00	991.00	991.00
	Indirect Costs-Stats/Reports Notes : Hourly rate includes salary and benefits for one Deputy that will maintain operational stats for project reports.	40.000	64.320	HRS	0.00	2,573.00	2,573.00
	Total for Indirect Costs				0.00	3,564.00	3,564.00
	Total Program Expenses				151,116.00	50,974.00	202,090.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				151,116.00	50,974.00	202,090.00
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2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	11,097.00	500.00	11,597.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	30,547.00	24,778.00	55,325.00	Equipment Use Expense rates were calculated at or below local fair market costs for the rental of the same equipment. Additionally, in no case does the amount indicated exceed KCSO's actual cost for the equipment.
5	Equipment Purchases	19,700.00	0.00	19,700.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	3,564.00	3,564.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

The Kern County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding solely for personnel, equipment, and support activities to enforce OHV laws, ensure public safety, and provide educational and safety information to promote safe riding practices in approved areas in Kern County.

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment